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Story from today's Washington Post on why EPA was doing this (part of a \$1.5 Billion cleanup) and that Colorado has about 22,000 abandoned mines.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2015/08/10/what-the-epa-was-doing-when-it-sent-yellow-sludge-spilling-into-a-colorado-creek/?hpid=z10>

BTW – According to the story, Cement Creek (which was where the breach first went into) was declared undrinkable in 1876, about when mining started in the area, and due to what was likely naturally occurring contamination.

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FYI, this issue has grown. It is by far the dominant issue for the Region now. USA today headline today says “much worse than thought”.

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<http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/07/us/colorado-epa-mine-river-spill-irpt/>